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In re Patent Application of:

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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR JOINT

MEASUREMENTS OF CONJUGATED QUADRATURES OF FIELDS OF REFLECTED/SCATTERED AND

TRANSMITTED BEAMS BY AN OBJECT IN

INTERFEROMETRY

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FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.